

Recent Writer's Workshops
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Ever been to a science fiction/fantasy convention? If not, and you're a new writer, I highly recommend you give one a try. Conventions offer panels where experts such as published writers and editors discuss any of a variety of topics. There may be a writer's workshop or other opportunity to learn. Best of all? You'll meet like-minded individuals, including other new writers as well as experienced ones. I only wish I'd discovered conventions sooner than I did. They've brought me support, invaluable information, great fun, and true, lasting friendships. - Julie

Note: If interested in my doing a writer's workshop at your convention, library, or other venue, please contact me. I love doing them. My approach is to get writers writing (and talking, laughing, creating, thinking), rather than to critique existing work. (If critique is what you need, whether I can do that for your group will depend on your format, especially the time I'll have with individual authors and their work. I don't critique someone's work in front of others. Praise it, yes. But in my opinion revision comments are best made editor to author, so for me that opportunity is an important factor, whether via email or in person.)

Year (Month)	Where	Focus **
2009 (05)	ConScription (National Convention) Auckland, New Zealand	3-day workshop, covering idea generation, plot development, "It Came from the Slushpile" publishing roleplay, and aspects of character and world-building.
2009 (03)	Ad Astra 2009 Toronto, Ontario	Young Writers' Workshop (with Adrienne Kress)
2008 (04)	Fanshawe College London, Ontario	Presentation to students on the writing life and my work.
2008 (04)	Ad Astra 2008 Toronto, Ontario	Young Writers' Workshop (with Adrienne Kress)
2007 (04)	Ad Astra 2007 Toronto, Ontario	"Common Problems" Writer's Workshop (with Anne Bishop)
2007 (04)	Eeriecon 9 Niagara Falls, New York	Writer's Workshop (with Anne Bishop and Nancy Kress)
2006 (11)	Bradford High School Bradford, Ontario	"It Came from the Slushpile" roleplay activity

2006 (10)	Barrie Library Writer's Workshop, Barrie, Ontario	"Get Plot" Workshop
2006 (10)	Fantasy Worldwide Film Festival Toronto, Ontario	seminar - "How has the fantasy genre evolved over time?" (with other participants)
2006 (08)	Armadillocon Austin, Texas	writer's workshop and individual critique
2006 (06)	C-ACE Ottawa, Ontario	writer's workshop
2006 (04)	Ad Astra 25 th Anniversary Toronto, Ontario	"Common Problems" Workshop (with Anne Bishop)
2005 (10)	Barrie Library Writer's Workshop, Barrie, Ontario	Fiction Writing Workshop (for non-genre authors as well)
2005 (07)	Toronto Trek 19 Toronto, Ontario	"Build Character" Workshop (assisted by actors Amanda Maloney and Sarah Jane Elliott)
2005 (06)	Duckon 14 Naperville, Illinois	Young Fans' Workshop (using images to generate story ideas) Plus writer's workshop "Get Plot"
2005 (04)	Yukon Writer's Festival Whitehorse, Yukon	Included YA Writers' Conference, with workshops
2005 (04)	Eeriecon 7 Niagara Falls, New York	Writer's workshop "Common Problems" (with Allen Steele and Steven Brust)
2005 (03)	Nebraska Young Authors' Conference and Willycon 7, Wayne Nebraska	Workshops for Young Authors (elementary) "Get Plot" workshop for Willycon attendees.
2004 (07)	Toronto Trek 18 Toronto Ontario	"Plot Problems and Solutions" Writer's Workshop
2002 (03)	Madicon 11 Harrisonburg, Virginia	Writer's Workshop and Critiques
2001 (03)	Willycon Wayne, Nebraska	Writer's Workshop and Critiques

*** My record-keeping, like many things, has improved with time, so for the earlier listings here I've had to draw from strange and varied sources. I've done my best, but please, if you find any inaccuracies or omissions here, contact me so I can make that correction.- Julie*